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## Charlotte County Agricultural Society.

The Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of the Society was held on Tuesday the 12th day of January, 1858.

The Chair was taken by the President of the Society, Mr. Robert Stevenson, and the meeting proceeded to transact the business for which it had been called.

The account of the Treasurer was read with the Report of the Audit-Committee, which being satisfactory, was accepted. The Annual Report for the past year was read and unanimously adopted.

The Election of Officers for the current year took place and resulted as follows, viz:

ROBERT STEVENSON, President.  
DAVID MOWAT, Vice Presidents.  
R. D. JAMES.  
WILLINGTON HATCH, Treasurer.  
ALEX. T. PAUL, Secretary.  
T. T. ODELL.  
J. H. WHITLOCK.  
M. J. C. ANDREWS.  
HENRY O'NEIL.  
STEPHEN McCURDY, Committee.  
JOHN LOCHARY.  
HENRY HITCHINGS.  
ED. PHEASANT.  
JOE. H. MEARS.

The meeting then adjourned sine die.

ALEX. T. PAUL, Secretary.

Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of the Charlotte County Agricultural Society.

The Charlotte County Agricultural Society having reached the termination of the Thirty-Eighth Year since its formation, the Committee of the Society on this the Anniversary meeting, are called upon as well in accordance with established usage, as in pursuance of the Rules of the Society to inform the members at large of those schemes which have been devised by the Committee to advance the objects which the Society has in view, and also of the results which have followed the efforts made—and how far the agricultural interests of the locality comprised in the scope of the Society's operations, have been benefited thereby.

The Committee, with feelings of gratitude to the Bountiful Dispenser of all good gifts, would first allude to the results of Agricultural operations in this vicinity during the past season. The crops generally have been of good quality and a fair average yield, with some exceptions, which will be noticed in their proper order, and which resulted principally from the unusually wet character of the season.

The Grass crop was rather above an average yield, and the hay-making season being very favourable, the principal part of the crop was saved and stored in good condition; and the price of hay is now less than it has been for several years resulting from the abundance of the article, as well as in some measure from the limited extent of lumbering operations, in consequence of which the demand for hay is not so great as it would otherwise have been.

The Oat crop of the past season produced a large quantity of that valuable grain of excellent quality, and your Committee are gratified to learn from reliable sources, that the quantity of oatmeal manufactured in this vicinity since the last harvest very far exceeds that of previous years, and proves that a substantial and wholesome article of food is becoming more extensively used, and its value more generally appreciated by the Agricultural community of this country.

BARLEY, the cultivation of which your Committee are pleased to find on the increase, was also the past season productive and of good quality and harvested in good order.

Your Committee find that more attention is being paid to the cultivation of Buckwheat, and the extent of ground devoted to raising that grain is yearly increasing—the crop of that grain the past season was a fair average one of good quality. Buckwheat meal is now manufactured at some of the mills in this County, quite equal to that imported; and care in manufacturing it is all that is required in order to supply ourselves, with a sufficiency of that description of food, as our soil and climate have proved to be well adapted to the growth of Buckwheat.

The WHEAT crop in this district the past season, was attended with the casualties which more or less have always been connected with the cultivation of that valuable cereal in this country, at all times since its first introduction; the grain grew well and promised favourable results, but the anticipations formed respecting it were frustrated in many fields by the appearance of the weevil, which attacked the grain fiercely and destroyed much of it; where it escaped the weevil the crop was good and the grain of excellent quality.

The POTATO, an unusually large quantity of which was planted in this spring with the hope, which proved delusive in this

vicinity, that it would escape the destructive influences to which it has been subjected for some years past, was promising from its appearance an abundant reward to the husbandman, when its further progress was arrested by the destroyer, and the same results or worse followed than in the previous year. It is a subject worthy of grave consideration by our farmers, whether the expenditure of attending the apparently fruitless endeavour to cultivate the potato successfully, might not be properly diverted to other objects coming within the scope of Agricultural labours.

TURNIPS did not yield as well the past season as in previous years, owing probably to the nature of the season which was too moist to promote the favourable growth of that root; notwithstanding this, a large quantity was raised.

The Committee feel gratified in stating that the field culture of other roots is becoming more general, and the results satisfactory as far as fair trials have been made—the quality of the Carrots, Parsnips and Mangold Wurzel raised by field culture in this locality has proved good, and the yield fairly proportioned to the expense incurred in the cultivation of those roots. And the Committee entertain the hope, that the good results which have so far attended the Society's efforts to promote this important branch of Agriculture, may be followed by a more extended cultivation of those valuable auxiliaries to good husbandry.

The Committee, in order to provide for the wants of the Agricultural community as far as consistent with means under their control, procured in the spring, forty bushels of "Harvey" grass seed, nearly the whole of which met with ready sale, also a quantity of best Red Clover seed procured at the same time.

Since the last annual meeting, Mr. James Russell, Jr., the exhibitor of the Threshing Machine, referred to in the last Annual Report, has claimed the premium awarded to him, which has been paid, and Mr. Russell has complied with the regulations respecting the machine, by giving security to keep the same in repair and operation in the County for four years from the time of its exhibition, for public accommodation, at such rates as may be reasonable for the use thereof.

The Committee deeming it desirable that some addition should be made to the stock of Sheep in the County, purchased from Robert Jardine, Esq., of St. John, two Ram lambs from his flock; which were disposed of pursuant to notice at public auction, on the day of the Society's Cattle Show, upon the condition that they should be kept in the County for three years. Your Committee are enabled to congratulate the Society upon this operation being attended with no pecuniary loss.

The Society's imported Alderney Bull, still remains as at last Annual Report, and the Committee find that it is generally admitted that much improvement has been effected in the stock of the country, by retaining the animal in the Society's possession.

The Committee in accordance with the wish of many members of the Society, and deeming it a matter worthy of encouragement, resolved early in the spring to offer Mr. John DeWolfe the sum of £7 10 as a bonus to induce him to keep his Ayrshire Bull, which had received the first premium at the Society's previous cattle show, over till the first of May next, somewhere in the vicinity of the Poor House, in the Parish of Saint Andrews. Mr. DeWolfe accepted the offer and has kept the animal over in accordance therewith till now. A communication on the subject from that gentleman will be laid before the Society at this meeting. The Committee at the same time resolved to offer Mr. Elias A. Wilson, of St. Patrick, the sum of £8 5 upon the condition that the other Agricultural Societies in the County should pay him the same sum, to encourage him in keeping and travelling his entire Horse, "New Brunswick Hunter" in this County the past season. Mr. Wilson did keep and travel the horse in the County during the season, but your Committee, being without any official information respecting the course adopted by the other Societies on the subject, have taken no further steps in the matter.

The Committee acting upon the instructions given by the Society at the last annual meeting, upon ascertaining the time when the Bond given by the Society to the Provincial Government conditioned for keeping the imported horse Morgan Eclipse in this County expired, it being the 4th April last, gave up to Mr. William Ellis the owner of the horse, his Bond given to secure the Society, in the same matter.

The necessary subscription for 25 copies of the "Farmer Magazine" ordered by the Society at its last annual meeting was duly forwarded to St. John, and that periodical made its first appearance in March last, the numbers for which month with those for

April and May, were received, and a few copies distributed among members who had agreed to take them. Since May last no further numbers have been published, and whether any are likely to be your Committee are not informed, having received no communication on the subject from the publisher since August last, at which time he promised in reply to a note addressed to him by your Secretary, that the paper would be regularly published after the 1st of September last.

The Society's CATTLE SHOW and Fair, at which the Committee deemed it advisable to limit the premiums offered to Cattle and Stock, grain, roots and dairy produce, together with some descriptions of Agricultural implements was held on Tuesday the 20th day of October last in the Town of St. Andrews. The morning of the day being rainy and stormy prevented a large attendance of exhibitors and spectators as was expected; yet the display of stock generally was a very fair one, and showed that a gradual improvement in that department is being effected—the specimens of roots exhibited were both in variety and quality superior to any previously shown on similar occasions; the grain was of excellent quality, and the samples of butter very numerous and generally good, while it would be found difficult to excel some of them in any country. An iron Plow of the improved Wikie pattern, and an iron Cultivator made by Mr. John Wilson, received high commendation for the excellent workmanship displayed on them. Some suggestions which were made by the Judges respecting proposed improvements in the plan of these articles, have been already published with the premium list, and your Committee deem it unnecessary to embody them here. The premiums awarded amounting to £20 2 6 were promptly paid to the parties to whom they had been awarded by the Judges.

Since the last Annual meeting of the Society, "The Committee appointed in pursuance of an address of the House of Assembly, relating to the public encouragement of Agriculture," and to which reference was made in your last Annual Report, have made their report upon the matters referred to them. It appears evident that considerable pains and care have been devoted by the Commission to the execution of their duties.

The Commission recommend the establishment of a Stock to be eventually converted into a model farm for the Province, and a central Provincial Board of Agriculture, and also that the grants to the local Agricultural Societies be reduced to £100 annually to each County, instead of £200, as at present provided for by Law; these are the principal alterations recommended by the Commissioners—the remainder of their Report chiefly consists of their reasons in favour of the proposed alterations; and the details of management necessary to carry them into effect. The subject of the establishment of a model farm has been alluded to in some former Reports of this Society. The Commissioners say in reference to the local Agricultural Societies among other things, "that certainly there is a great degree of apathy existing among farmers as to the Agricultural Societies, and it is notoriously difficult to collect the amount required by Law, and to find office bearers who will exert themselves to encourage and promote the objects contemplated under the Law." The former part of this statement your Committee can from their own experience fully endorse.

Without venturing at present to express any opinion upon the merits of the proposed scheme—there is one portion of it which has a direct bearing upon the financial prospects of this Society, and by which if adopted by the Legislature, the Provincial allowance to the Society will be reduced from the sum of £50 annually to which it is now entitled, provided the subscriptions be sufficient, to that of £25. If the Society is to be hereafter kept in operation, it will have to depend upon a largely increased subscription list, by which the loss sustained in its revenues will have to be supplied, and a fair opportunity will thus be afforded to the farmers in the vicinity to substantially express their opinion whether the Society is really of any practical benefit or not—and your Committee think it extremely probable that were the Society's operations limited as they necessarily now are, to be entirely suspended for two or three years—that it would be felt as a serious disadvantage by the Agricultural portion of the community, and that many of those persons whose whole business in reference to the Society appears to be that of criticising and censuring its management will regret that their aid had not been cheerfully given in supporting it, and assisting in extending its usefulness.

All of which on behalf of the Committee is respectfully submitted,

ROBT. STEVENSON, President.

ALEX. T. PAUL, Sec'y.  
St. Andrews, Jan. 12, 1858.

## Provincial Parliament.

### House of Assembly.

TUESDAY Feb. 16.

House occupied in morning in disposal of unimportant Bills.

Read second time Bill to reduce fees on Marriage Licenses.

Bill to modify law relating to Interest and Usury, introduced by Mr. Cudlip, was set apart as order of day for Tuesday next.

Hon. Provincial Secretary laid before the House copies of returns from Banks, Insurance Companies, Custom House returns, etc.

Mr. McIntosh presented a petition from John Richards, complaining of injustice in being dismissed from Post Office Department, and asking compensation for full term of engagement. Petition not read. Subsequently Mr. McIntosh presented petition praying for redress of grievance. Petition was then received.

Progress was reported on Mr. Williston's Bill relating to insolvent or confined debtors.

Mr. Williston moved an Address to his Excellency, asking for correspondence between the Common Council of St. John and the Government, relative to unemployed workmen.

Provincial Secretary replied that information would be furnished without Address. House adjourned at half past four.

WEDNESDAY Feb. 17.

After the disposal of the preliminary business in the House this morning, the Hon. Mr. Tilley presented a petition from B. O'Brien and upwards of 400 others of the City of St. John, praying that Physiology combined with Phrenology may be taught in the Provincial Training School.

Mr. Williston enquired of the Government whether any further appointments to or dismissals from office had been made in Northumberland. The Provincial Secretary replied that no changes had recently been made.

A Bill to amend the Currency Act was introduced by Mr. End, and passed in Committee. The Bill provides that Mexican, Spanish and American silver dollars and half dollars shall be legal tender in this Province.

Mr. Chandler, Chairman of the Northumberland Election Committee, reported to the House that at the request of the petitioning Candidate the Committee had adjourned over to March 3rd, in order to allow time for the attendance of witnesses.

Progress was reported on Mr. Cudlip's Bill relating to Co-Partnership, also on Mr. McLellan's relating to Intestate Estate.

Mr. Williston's Disqualification Bill was set down as the order of the day for Wednesday next.

Mr. Steadman presented a petition from the inhabitants of Moncton, praying that a law may pass for the more effectual securing of the wages of Mechanics and laborers.

The Provincial Secretary laid before the House copies of a correspondence between the Home and Colonial Governments, relating to an inter-Colonial Railway.

The Hon. Attorney General introduced a Bill to amend the act incorporating certain bodies connected with the Wesleyan Church. Mr. Gray gave notice of intention to move an address asking Government to lay before the House copies of Railway contracts, tenders &c.

The House adjourned a few minutes past 4 o'clock.

Thursday, Feb. 18.

There was no business of importance transacted in early part of to-day. Mr. Allen introduced Bill to provide for Police establishment in the city of Fredericton.

Progress was reported on Bill introduced by Mr. McAdam to incorporate the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

Progress also reported on Bill to amend act relating to public debt of city of St. John. House resolved itself into Committee of Supply, and postponed further consideration thereof until Thursday.

Mr. McAdam presented Petition from H. Webber, J. P. and 41 others praying that an Act may pass to authorize Justices of the Peace to make assessment for erection of Alms House, at St. Stephens.

Mr. Gray gave notice of intention to move an address asking for despatches &c. relative to Surplus Civil List fund.

Mr. Ferris introduced Bill in addition to act to regulate Election of Members to serve in General Assembly.

A Bill to amend act to regulate certain bodies in connection with the Wesleyan Church in New Brunswick, passed in committee.

Mr. McAdam presented a petition from F. H. Todd and 214 others, praying that a bill may pass to incorporate Free Bridge at Middle Landing, St. Stephen.

## European Intelligence.

HALIFAX, February 15, 1858.

The Niagara which left Liverpool at 10 A. M. on the 30th Jan., arrived at Halifax at 7-30 on Sunday morning last.

Among the passengers are His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Mulgrave, the newly appointed Governor of Nova Scotia with his family and suite.

The Niagara experienced heavy weather during the whole of the passage. She reports having passed on the 30th, the American ships Henry Clay and Ann Hopper, and barque Statesman, of Yarmouth, N. S., bound in. Same date passed steamship Africa, off Holyhead at 6 30 P. M.; 31st, passed American ship Benares off Kinsale.

The Baltic arrived at Liverpool at one o'clock on the Evening of the 28th, and the propeller New York, at Greenock the same time. The North Star, for New York, left Southampton on the 27th ult.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Parliament would assemble on the 4th of February. Lord Palmerston had as usual issued Circulars, soliciting the early attendance of his supporters, as matters of considerable importance would come under discussion.

A numerous deputation waited on Lord Palmerston to urge the immediate abolition of Church rates, but met with such lukewarm encouragement that they adopted an indignant resolution, and pledged themselves to press forward an independent Bill on the subject.

Prince Frederick William of Prussia, has been invested with the Order of the Garter.

The Leviathan has been pushed within twenty five feet of the ends of the launching ways, and her cradles were being removed. She had over seventeen feet of water under her and was expected to float on the 30th or 31st.

A resolution brought before the Court of Directors of the East India Company, deprecating the proposed change in the Government of India, was carried by an almost unanimous vote.

The London Advertiser asserts that the new Bill will not be nearly so sweeping as was generally believed, and as was at first intended, and that Ministers will consent to modifications in the measure in its progress through Parliament or that it will not pass this year, but that if not withdrawn it will be shelved at the end of the Session.

Heavy drafts of troops were under orders to embark for India.

The Bank of England reduced its rate of discount on the 28th to 4 per cent., but the reduction had little or no effect on the money market or stock exchange.

The London Times remarks on this subject, that there is a prospect that the tendency for considerable period may be towards an easier state of the money market. For the last week or two applications at the Bank for discount have almost entirely ceased, and although the recent alteration led to a little demand, they are still likely to be only of very moderate character, since minimum rate in open Market has not for some days been higher than 3 per cent., while on stock exchange the supply is abundant at 2 per cent. The interest on deposits allowed by discount houses has been reduced to 2 1/2 per cent.

The Daily News says some are disposed to look for further reduction in Bank minimum.

Mr. Caldecott, a great Session lawyer, but known as a dreadful bore, was arguing a question upon the rateability of certain lime quarries to the relief of the poor, and contended at enormous length that "like lead and copper mines, they were not rateable, because the limestone in them could only be reached by deep boring, which was matter of science." "You will hardly succeed in convincing us, sir, that every species of boring is matter of science," said Lord Ellenborough.

The Conservative Government of Nova Scotia promise in their Governor's Speech a Bill to make the Legislative Council elective. Our great progressive Smasher Government seem to have no notion of getting so far in the present century, although some years ago the Street administration actually introduced a similar measure in the Legislative Council. — Freeman.

The San Joseph Tribune estimates the population of California at 597,250. This estimate is based upon the returns of the local assessors. Of this population 332,250 are Americans, 6,000 Indians, 38,500 Chinese, 15,000 French, 15,000 Mexicans, 10,000 Irish, 2,000 English, and about 4,000 colored persons.